**SECTION 7.** Except as otherwise provided herein, this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to elections held on or after that date. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018. Presiding Officer of the Senate PRO Tempore Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Roy Cooper Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_.m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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